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**Man killed in police—  
involved shooting  
wanted to be left  
alone, neighbour says**

*More questions than answers, as  
investigation continues into the death of  
73-year-old man – see pages 2 & 3*

Yellow markers indicate where evidence was found following the shooting of a 73-year-old Dysart et al resident at his property on Indian Point Road. The shooting, which involved the OPP, followed an incident at Minden's Valu-Mart where the man refused to wear a face mask and allegedly assaulted an employee. More details on pages 2 and 3. /DARREN LUM Staff



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OPP officers investigate the scene of a shooting on Friday, July 17, after the Special Investigation Unit investigators had left. A Dysart et al man died following the police-involved shooting on Indian Point Road north of Haliburton. Earlier that morning, the man was involved in a confrontation at Minden’s Valu-Mart grocery store, where he allegedly assaulted an employee after refusing to wear a face mask. The health unit had recently introduced a mandatory mask policy. /DARREN LUM Staff

# Fatal incident stemmed from face mask dispute

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A 73-year-old man is dead and the Ontario Special Investigations Unit is investigating after a dispute that began when the man assaulted an employee at Easton’s Valu-Mart in Minden on the morning of July 15, after the employee requested that he put on a face mask to enter the grocery store.

“What we’re doing is giving out free masks, if you don’t have one,” store owner Linda Easton told the *Echo*. The health unit has mandated that face masks be worn inside businesses and indoor public spaces amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Easton explained she has an employee who’s responsible for greeting people at the store entrance, providing face masks to those without them, and sanitizing carts.

“The guy just didn’t want to wear a mask,” Easton said. “... He just started pounding on my employee.”

“My staff got together and tried to escort him out the door,” Easton said, explaining the police were called following the assault, the OPP receiving that call at approximately 8:19 a.m.

“He was speeding away, and hit a truck, turning it sideways,” Easton said, adding the man also attempted to run down store employees with his vehicle, and crashed into the side of the store, before speeding off on Highway 35.

According to the SIU, an officer followed the man’s vehicle for a short period of time, and based on his licence plate number, officers then made their way to his residence on Indian Point Road, north of Haliburton.

“Outside the residence, there was an interaction with the man and two officers discharged their firearms,” reads a press release from the SIU. “The man was struck. He was transported to hospital where he was pronounced deceased at 11:47 a.m.”

On July 16, the SIU confirmed m embers had collected firearms, along with those of OPP officers, at the scene.

“The scene was searched yesterday, and those efforts will continue today,” a press release reads. “From the scene, a semi-automatic rifle and a pistol were collected. The firearms of two police officers were also secured.”

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*I want to give credit to all grocery store workers, who are faced with interactions every day with challenging people.*

— Linda Easton  
Owner, Easton’s Valu-Mart

A post-mortem examination was conducted on the morning of July 17, and the SIU is continuing to attempt to locate the man’s next of kin. At press time, there was no update on the post-mortem and the SIU has not yet made the name of the man public.

“The OPP has notified the province’s Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and they have invoked their mandate,” reads a press release from the OPP that was sent out the evening of July 15. “As a result, the OPP will not be able to provide any further information.”

Easton thanked the OPP for their response to the call, and paid homage to her employees, as well as all grocery store workers.

“All I want to say, I want to give credit to my staff, who were very competent in handling the situation,” she said. “They were the real heroes in this situation. I want to give credit to all grocery store workers, who are faced with interactions every day with challenging people.”

She also noted the tragedy of the situation, and that a life had been lost.

Four investigators and two forensic investigators from the SIU have been assigned to the case. The SIU investigates incidents involving police where there has been death, serious injury or allegations of sexual assault.

“The SIU is urging anyone who may have information about this investigation to contact the lead investigator at 1-800-787-8529,” reads a release from the agency. “The unit is also urging anyone who may have any video evidence related to this incident to upload that video through the SIU website.”



# Man killed in police-involved shooting wanted to be left alone, neighbour says

*More questions than answers, as shooting investigation continues*

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When Butch Munshaw, a retired postmaster and well-known handyman in the Haliburton area, heard shots fired near his house on Indian Point Road, involving who he would later learn was his reclusive neighbour and the OPP, he was alarmed such a thing would be happening in his quiet neighbourhood.

It was close to 9 a.m. on July 15 when he heard two “high-powered gun shots,” Munshaw said.

“I said to my [adult] grandson, ‘That’s kind of strange.’ I jumped into my car and I went down and pulled out of the driveway and soon as I turned out, coming over the crest of the hill there, there was [an officer] on each side of the road like this [on the road],” he said, adding he saw a spike belt across the road.

One of the officers told him to return to his home, saying “Go back in your driveway and lock your door” and then added there is an “active shooter.”

Thinking about it, he said there must have been other police responders over the rise closer to his neighbour’s house, which is out of his view.

“We’re standing in the house and maybe 15 or 20 minutes later there was just a barrage of shots, eh. [My grandson] is a forensic science guy – he just graduated from forensic sciences. He said as soon as he heard those shots – he even named the rifle, the size it would [be], the calibre because he knew it – there had to have been 25 or 30 shots,” he said.

According to the Special Investigations Unit, which investigates incidents involving police where there has been death, two officers discharged their firearms during the incident. “The man was struck. He was transported to hospital where he was pronounced deceased at 11:47 a.m.,” a press release from SIU says.

On July 16, the SIU confirmed investigators had collected firearms, along with those of OPP officers, at the scene.

“From the scene, a semi-automatic rifle and a pistol were collected. The firearms of two police officers were also secured,” a press release reads.

A post-mortem examination was to be conducted on the morning of July 17, and the SIU is continuing to attempt to locate the man’s next of kin.

Since the shooting there have been dozens of police officers and the SIU investigating the area on the road, in front of and at the residence of the 73-year-old man.

It’s a surreal scene for residents, which has been covered by media outlets across the province.

The incident started about an hour before, at the Minden Valu-Mart where the man was asked to wear a face mask – a newly mandated measure by the region’s health unit to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. He reacted by allegedly assaulting an employee. According to the store owner, Linda Easton, the man then fled the scene in his vehicle, hitting a vehicle on his exit from the parking lot.

His name has not been released by the SIU, pending notification of next of kin. Their last update about the investigation was Thursday, July 16.

Munshaw is a friendly, gregarious man. He knows everyone in the immediate area and beyond because of his post office experience and his current business as a caretaker of cottages on the lake. However, his neighbour has been a mystery.

The man avoided interactions, refus-



An SIU investigator searches for evidence along a driveway following the shooting of a 73-year-old Dysart et al resident, who lived on Indian Point Road. The shooting followed an incident where it is alleged the man assaulted a Valu-Mart employee in Minden after he was asked to wear a face covering, as part of a measure put in place by the local health unit earlier in the week to reduce the transmission of the coronavirus. /DARREN LUM Staff

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***We’re standing in the house and maybe 15 or 20 minutes later there was just a barrage of shots.***

— Butch Munshaw  
Neighbour

ing drives from neighbours in the winter when he was walking and not engaging in conversation.

“If I was down [on my property within view of his driveway] there working and he was in the driveway, he would ... go up to the house,” he said. “He just would not be around people.”

He said the man lived on a large property closed off with a secured gate and no trespassing sign. He never saw anyone visit the man and believes he wasn’t “friendly with anybody.”

Munshaw said he has many questions and hopes more details from the investigation will be released.

“What happened to this guy? What made him do this?” he said.

Munshaw’s neighbour Brian Nash, who lives on a road off of Indian Point Road, said he didn’t have any interactions with the man and was saddened to learn of his death.

“Although I never knew him I respected the fact that he only wanted to be alone. For 10 years I’d drive by his



Township workers allow a police vehicle to pass their road block on Harburn Road and Pine Avenue on Wednesday, July 15 in Haliburton. The road block was erected in the morning, as the result of an incident in Minden.

driveway and look up just to see if I might see him or if there were tracks in the winter so I knew he was all right. He clearly had some serious trauma in his life that

left him only wanting to be secluded. Yesterday’s events are tragic,” he said.

*With files from Chad Ingram*



# Man, 30, dies following ATV accident in Harcourt Park

JENN WATT

Editor

A 30-year-old man from Oakville died following an ATV accident in Harcourt Park on Sunday, July 12.

Police say the man was found by a passerby before 11 a.m., though the time of the crash is unknown, occurring sometime after 2:40 a.m.

The investigation found that the ATV "failed to negotiate a corner and rolled." The man was found deceased at the scene. His name has not been released by police.

"Officers trained in collision reconstruction measured and documented the scene. The cause of the collision remains under investigation," acting OPP Staff Sgt. Jason Folz said.

The man "was not wearing the appropriate safety equipment at the time," he said.



## Masks on

Shoppers at Glecoff's Family Store in Haliburton look at buying reusable masks on Tuesday, July 14.

As of Monday, July 13, people must wear a face covering inside commercial businesses to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, a mandate put in place by the local health unit. Masks have been a very popular product at Glecoff's. Owner Clay Glecoff said they sold close to 8,000 disposable masks in a month. The local health unit has since expanded the mask mandate to include most indoor spaces where members of the public gather. See <https://www.hkpr.on.ca> for a full list. / DARREN LUM Staff

# House lost to fire on Irish Line

A house on the Irish Line was destroyed by fire on Monday, July 13.

When firefighters from the Dysart et al fire department arrived, the building was fully engulfed. The call for assistance came in at about 4 p.m.

The owner was able to get out of the residence safely and no firefighters were injured. The home was a total loss with damage estimated at \$300,000.

Staff

# Health unit clarifies business responsibility to enforce mask rules

JENN WATT

Editor

The region's face-mask regulations have been put in the spotlight following the fatal police-involved shooting of a man at his residence north of Haliburton, which followed an incident earlier that morning when he refused to wear a mask at Minden's Valu-Mart. The man is alleged to have assaulted an employee at the grocery store before speeding off in his vehicle to his home, where he was in an altercation with the OPP that ended with the man being shot. The details of what happened are under investigation by the province's Special Investigations Unit.

Comments online and quoted by media indicate that some feel the policy, which is intended to reduce the spread of the coronavirus, puts workers in a potentially difficult position, by enforcing a divisive policy.

At their meeting on July 16, representatives for the board of health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit did not wish to comment on the incident as the matter was under investigation.

Asked by the *Echo* whether a business has an obligation to enforce the mask policy, the medical officer of health said the template policy sent out to businesses includes a line that a customer would not be denied service for not wearing a mask.

"We prepared packages with regard to stage 2 [of the province's reopening plan] and the use of masks. We sent information out to all of the businesses with regard to developing a policy to have in place and in the policy it outlines what we can use to put their best efforts into ensuring people who go into the premises wear a mask and that's to ask the person to put on a mask if they haven't got a mask on, but that they would not refuse service to the person, so ... to allow that person into the facility," Dr. Lynn Noseworthy said. "That was the draft template that we shared with all of the businesses. Now, what they chose to do with the draft template was their own business and we don't know what that particular establishment would have used."

The template distributed to businesses reads: "If a customer refuses to put on a face covering and refuses to leave the premises, staff are not required to engage further; there is not a need to turn away or remove a customer to achieve the best effort standard."

In other materials from the health unit distributed alongside the template policy, it answers the question "Can a person be refused service for not wearing a non-medical mask or face covering?" like this: "The requirement should be enforced in 'good faith' and any person not wearing a mask will receive a verbal reminder from the staff of the establishment."

Businesses that do not comply with the health unit requirements could be fined.

Face masks are used to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 by blocking respiratory droplets from entering the air.

Andrea Roberts, mayor of Dysart et al and a member of the board of health, said the incident was very sad and demonstrated the level of stress people are under. She said store owners don't know why certain people are refusing to wear masks and that they can't ask for medical specifics.

As of July 17, the HKPR District Health Unit region has moved into stage 3 of the province's reopening plan, which means more businesses are required to implement the mask rules.

A longer list of establishments includes most indoor places where members of the public congregate including restaurants, churches, public libraries, casinos, museums and many others.

Those who are inside, but who are no longer "roaming" are allowed to take off their masks, the health unit says. For example, in a restaurant, a mask would be needed to walk to and from the table, but not while seated. At an indoor wedding, masks would be needed until the guests were seated six feet from one another.

Exemptions for wearing a mask include children under two years old, children under five years old who refuse to wear them, people who can't take a mask off without help, and people with conditions such as respiratory or cognitive difficulties.



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# Most customers taking COVID-19 rules in stride: store owners

JENN WATT & SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporters

Grocery stores across the country and in Haliburton County have been a focal point during the coronavirus epidemic, from the struggle to keep supplies on shelves in March to enforcing safety protocols handed down from government agencies.

On July 15, the recently enacted mask mandate from the local health unit appears to have been part of what triggered a confrontation involving a customer at the Valu-Mart grocery store in Minden. According to the store's owner, the man refused to wear a mask and allegedly assaulted an employee, hit another vehicle in the parking lot, and sped away. Later that morning, he was shot during an altercation with police at his property north of Haliburton.

Other grocery store owners in Haliburton County say they haven't seen the kind of aggression reported at Valu-Mart last week and although there has been pressure on stores, things have been relatively calm.

"We've had zero pushback [about masks]. For us, it's been really good," said Steve Todd, owner of Todd's Independent Grocer in Haliburton. "We haven't had any issues. And I don't know if it's because we've had policies in place all along, like right from the start, people were lining up, we were limiting people in stores, there's arrows [directing shoppers to encourage physical distancing]. Maybe people expect when they come to the store that there's going to be things to follow. ... We've had zero."

Todd said in the early days of the pandemic, back in March, things were a "blur" as staff made daily adjustments, keeping up with the shifting landscape. However, since then things have stabilized.

"People were having trouble adjusting to all the changes [in March], but we've been pretty much status quo on the way we've operated business now since March. You get the same kind of shopping experience every time you come in," he said.

At Haliburton Foodland, owner Brad Park also said things have been going well.

"We have been fortunate enough to not have any huge concerns, the one-offs are always going to happen," he said. "With many extra tasks and protocols in place for customers and staff, it has been a bit overwhelming for all."

Park said most customers who have been in at his store have brought a calm attitude and have complied with the COVID-19 safety protocols, which are in place to keep people from being in close proximity to one another.

"Any issues that have risen have been handled [well] by our staff," he said.

At Wilberforce Foodland, owner Craig McDonald said most customers have been adhering to the mask mandate since it was implemented last week.

"The majority, I'd say, 99 per cent of them are fantastic," he said, noting that although the grocery store does have masks on hand, which staff offer free of charge to those without one, most customers come with their own.

"I probably can count on two hands, I bet you ... in a week, we've probably had no more than 10 people not wear a mask,

which is pretty good when you figure ... you're well over a couple thousand people coming through the door."

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Owner, Wilberforce Foodland

cially those coming from regions where masks were mandated prior to Haliburton County, have become used to "the new normal," and said even those who might not be happy about wearing a mask have done so: "everyone's doing their little bit."

Meanwhile, his store employees are continuing with recommendations put in place in March that include disinfecting surfaces and said many visitors from out-of-town have appreciated that.

"We're still wiping down buggies between customers, we're still very diligent on our cleaning," he said. "A lot of them are commenting, 'we don't see this in the city anymore.' ... I think people do appreciate seeing that we're still putting the effort into cleaning."

McDonald said the work in additional cleanliness measures staff have undertaken has now "become second nature."

"And maybe come this winter when the flu season hits, maybe we'll be a little better off, too," he said.

## Fire ban lifted across county

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A fire ban that has been in place across the four municipalities of Haliburton County since July 7 has been lifted as of July 17.

"The current risk of wildfire has

reduced within our township," reads a release from Minden Hills fire chief Nelson Johnson. "The rain over the last few days has reduced the wildfire risk."

Regulations prohibit daytime burning, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., except by permit. All fires must be attended at all times, and residents must have the ability to extinguish their fires.

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## Our store workers

FOR THE MAJORITY of us, the effects of the coronavirus pandemic are most obviously seen in our excursions into the outside world, particularly in our grocery stores, restaurants and local shops. Our collective anxieties have come to rest in these places – and with the people who keep them running.

I vividly recall March 12, days before the province declared a state of emergency, walking into one of the pharmacies in Haliburton to see shelves nearly empty of toilet paper, paper towel and sanitizer. Word was spreading that those items were selling out, causing panic shopping.

Not long after, arrows began appearing on grocery store aisles, hand sanitizer and washing stations placed at the doorways and staff members designated to control numbers in and out.

We were asked to stay away from each other. Don't get too close. Don't touch anything you don't intend to buy. Some people began wearing masks.

I remember all of these days too, because they were jarring and scary. Places where I would expect to chat with friends and neighbours were now places where I was expressly asked not to do so. Adding a mask to the mix was another barrier, both physical and symbolic, between me and others.

What wasn't at first obvious was the emotional toll all of this could be taking on the owners and staff of these shops – from those who had to close their doors to those who stayed open and had to enforce rules over which they had little or no control.

They may not typically be

described as front-line workers, but during this pandemic they certainly have taken on that role.

On Wednesday, we saw the furthest extreme of what being on the front lines can look like when workers at Valu-Mart in Minden were confronted with a customer who refused to wear a face mask, which had that week been mandated by the local health unit, and allegedly assaulted a worker before getting in his vehicle and speeding away. The man drove to his residence on Indian Point Road where he was fatally shot during an altercation with OPP, which is under investigation.

We don't know what was going through the man's mind, what led to his distress that day, but we do know that what he was feeling was brought to the entrance of a local grocery store, to workers who have nothing to do with mask policy or any of the other COVID-19 protocols.

Since the beginning, the people who run our local stores have been coming to work when many others were self-isolating. They have been implementing new rules, stopping people at the doors, and absorbing any negativity we as customers may bring with us.

For many of us, they have been our constant in a turbulent time. They have provided kind words when we felt worried, have helped us navigate precautions introduced to keep us safe, and have been a source of stability when very little seemed certain.

We need to remember this each time we feel a wave of panic over a long line or a new rule.

These people have been supporting us since day one. They deserve only our thanks.



jenn watt

Editorial



Roadside natural beauty

by Darren Lum

## When you're hungry

BRUNO COULD smell it all the way up the river to his home. And it smelt delicious. His stomach growled as he turned over in bed, stretched and slowly lumbered outside. Food was a constant preoccupation for Bruno and this season there was less of it to be found. Every year was different but usually once the cottagers started arriving, his food source increased.

But this summer was different. Sure there were plenty of people but they weren't showing up at the landfills with their bags of goodies. Thank goodness that was starting to change, even if it was happening later than Bruno would like.

However today he had no plans to go very far. The heat was oppressive and as he walked along his favourite path, he eyed the river. It rushed past the shoreline, cool green and inviting. Bruno also knew there were fish in its waters but it was work trying to catch one of them. Skill and luck were needed and he was basically lazy. Landfills were much easier. Still, the water would feel good so he decided to wade in just below the falls.

Splashing like a cub, he kicked up his feet and rolled around sending spray skyward toward the overhanging cedars. Harry the heron skimmed past him, hugging the air just above the flow as he looked for the perfect fishing site.

Harry had been coming to this river almost since hatching and his parents had frequented it before him. In the spring there were suckers running the rapids and he gorged on them with great delight. Now it was mainly bass and the odd perch plus minnows galore and even a frog or two. Harry had the river but Bruno needed to look elsewhere for his food.

As the wind changed, the smell that had caught Bruno's attention earlier now returned. Not knowing exactly where it originated he followed his nose. Lumbering along through sun and shadow, he looked with disgust at the shriveled berries bunched in the sun-lit areas. Lack of rain meant virtually no berries for a hungry Bruno. No blueberries, strawberries or raspberries to speak of. Even if it

rained the next day it was probably too late for most of this food. He sighed but kept on, heading for the source of that delicious smell.

Glancing to the side he noted Harry downing another catch, the fishy lump descending the heron's long curved neck. Bruno's mouth watered. Soon he'd be chowing down as well, he hoped.

Up ahead was a clearing and Bruno recognized it as the place where a family returned every summer. There was a building set back from the river with the barking dog he remembered from past years. Such an annoying little critter but Bruno ignored it. His focus was on the smell.

And there it was. An old wooden box sat on the back patio, it's lid slightly askew and the most tantalizing aroma

surrounding the whole area. Bruno's mouth watered again. After a quick look around and seeing nothing to worry about, he approached the large container and gave it a whack with his right front leg. It flew in the air spilling succulent delights all over the stonework. My, my, where to start he thought pushing his nose through the contents. Nothing like leftover burgers with some fries on the side he mused, mouth now full and jaws

working.

Then he heard a yell. Turning his head he saw a man waving a broom from a distance. Now the barking dog was really making a lot of noise from inside the building. Bruno decided to ignore them both and continue eating. But he kept his senses alert for Bruno was no fool and he knew where people were there could also be danger. Still, he was so hungry and this was just what he needed. The man had disappeared briefly but now was back. He was holding something, some kind of stick.

More yelling, more barking and it was starting to really annoy Bruno. So with a last grab at the yummys on the ground, he turned away and galloped back up the river. He'd return later when all was quiet and finish his meal.

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# points of view

## Avoiding the clink

**I**DID NOT choose a life of crime. But sometimes good people just take one bad turn and next thing you know they find themselves on the wrong side of the law.

On Saturday, it pains me to say, that good person was me.

In my defence, my transition from being an upstanding citizen to a sophisticated criminal who will probably make Interpol's top 10 list was not premeditated. In fact, it happened accidentally.

One minute I was pulling my clothes out of the washing machine. The next, I saw what was perhaps the cleanest toonie I have ever laid eyes upon.

It was then that I realized I had become one of those money launderers you always hear about. And, if the way that toonie glistened was any indication, I was a darn good one too.

An incident like this makes you question who you have become. So, as I was pondering this, Jenn walked into the room and asked, "What did you do now?"

"Nothing," I said nervously. "Absolutely nothing."

"Then why are you peeking conspiratorially through the curtains?" she asked.

"No reason," I replied. "I'm certainly not looking to see if any law enforcement people – specifically Interpol types – are staking out our home."

"Did you get in trouble for jay walking again?" she asked.

"No," I answered. "This time it is even worse than that."

"Littering?" she said, and then she laughed a sultry laugh.

Of course, you could hardly blame her for trying to laugh sultrily. For, as you have probably surmised yourself, I had abruptly



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Loon Tales

transformed from mild-mannered columnist to what, if I'm not mistaken, women refer to as "a bad boy." And, unless the fine people who produced the movie *Grease* got it completely wrong, women apparently love bad boys.

Admittedly, there was still time to forsake my life of crime and go straight. But, the truth is, I felt myself being pulled inexorably into the dark, linty underbelly of the underground economy. (Our laundry room is in the basement.)

Sure, I had only laundered a toonie. But it was too easy, so I suddenly got greedy and imagined myself laundering two toonies, a loonie, three quarters, a dime and two nickels – all in the same load. And I won't lie to you; columnists of my meagre ability rarely see that kind of money.

Yet, even as I was thinking these thoughts, I was still a little unclear as to why this money laundering was a criminal offence in the first place. And I also wondered how money was actually made while doing it – especially when you factor in the cost of electricity and a quality non-scented, eco-friendly laundry detergent.

And then it hit me. You made money by doing someone else's laundry and finding their change.

With that realization, I became painfully aware that this was not a victimless crime. After all, I would have to do laundry.

Despite this, I was tempted by the glamorous lifestyle. I imagined walking into any laundromat in the province and finding a machine reserved just for me. In my mind's eye I could hear the clink-clink-clink of coins bouncing off the washer's drum.

But alas, I just don't have it in me. All my life I have worked hard and been honest in my dealings, just like my parents taught me to be. Plus, that last jay walking incident scared me straight.

Sure, I could have built a fortune by being a money launderer. But sooner or later that sort of thing wears a person down and eats away at your conscience and dignity. Also, the last thing I want is for my grandson to find out that I built my fortune with dirty money.



## pic of the past

**I**n 1940, young Joe Iles of Haliburton was in the reserve Army. Dressed in his uniform, he gave his younger sister Doreen (Rae) a spin from the hill overlooking the Haliburton arena. (The Iles family lived in what was called Deanville, a road of houses at the bottom of Dover's Hill.) In the background you can still see the original natural ice arena, which was shared by local curlers. To the extreme right of the photo is the original Red Cross Outpost Hospital, now Canoe FM. This photo originally ran in the Haliburton *Echo* in 2009.

## letters to the editor

# Exercising compassion in tragic circumstances

To the Editor,

I write this with a heavy heart and a sense of responsibility to be a voice of kindness during such a difficult week for many people of Haliburton County.

My little neck of the woods is surrounded by glistening lakes, regal and abundant trees, wild-life galore and a quiet, rural tourist/cottage community that prides itself on being a destination for those seeking beauty in all manners of living.

Today we suffered a tragic blow that was most likely caused by the intersecting fragility of a global pandemic and mental illness and marginalization. Our community bore witness to alleged assault, vehicular assault and our first responders protected us in ways that they hoped would never happen, which ended in a fatality. I am reading and hearing that this resident's breakdown was caused by being asked to wear a mask at one of our local grocery stores. I have read victim shaming, police shaming, and "cottager" blaming on multiple feeds.

It is this divisiveness of language and separation of the other, caused by fear and compartmentalized by online bystander/keyboard warriors

that perpetuates and breeds "otherness."

And when we can put someone in an "other" category, we strip them of their humanity and our moral responsibility to be compassionate. To be compassionate seems a difficult thing to do during these extremely trying days of pandemic management. Our collective cognitive dissonance on what we believe to be true and right differs only between one line – compassion or fear-based judgement.

And as I sit here, I am drawn toward the reasons why we dissolve our compassion so readily when we ourselves are already in a place of fear or discomfort. Unfortunately all I can do with these thoughts is feel deeply saddened and compassionate towards all of us – the victims, the deceased individual who made fear-based choices from a potentially mentally ill and fatigued mind, our first responders who had to make choices that resulted in a fatal outcome, and to everyone who is feeling scared, sad, overwhelmed and anxious tonight because they feel this madness in our world. Sending love and light.

Nancy Brownsberger  
Haliburton Highlands

# Lions toll bridge campaign goes digital

Did you stop at the Haliburton and District Lions toll bridge? Oh, you didn't see it and you want to know where it is? Well it's 2020 and the Lions are part of the COVID-19 new normal. The toll bridge is online at haliburtonlions.com. That's right! The Lions annual toll bridge fundraiser has gone virtual.

While our first choice would be to be out there on the August long weekend, greeting you at your cars as you drive up Maple Avenue, we know that

in this most unusual year, a live toll bridge is not the way to go. We know that personal safety is so important and we know and agree that social distancing is a must. So, we are putting our toll bridge online. You see, the needs in our community have not lessened and, as a result, we are strengthening our commitment to serve.

The Lions raise money to give it away. We support most of the non-profit organizations in

see LIONS page 8





# Escape to the End of the Rail

*A visual diary of a young girl choosing to leave everything behind to observe life at the rails end*

February 5, 1937

A few minutes ago my parents and I finally arrived at Haliburton Station. When I first stepped down from the train, I was immediately intrigued by the lake right next to the station, Head Lake. The station is a red earth colour almost up to my shoulder, and a cream colour to the roof. It has a large bay window for the telegraph operator. That way he can see the train coming. The back half of the station, the freight shed, is slightly higher than the waiting room so that it lines up with the door of the box car. Right now I am sitting on the bench in the waiting room while my parents are in line at the ticket booth window. They want to send a wire to Grandma to let her know we arrived safely.

Until next time Diary...

*Come visit the Rails End Gallery to learn more about the evolution of Haliburton Station on our new slideshow presentation in the lobby.*

*Written by Jessica Byers*



The original "You can wire from here from Canadian National Telegraphs" sign as it appears now at the Rails End Gallery.

## Lions lend support

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our service area which ranges from Stanhope in the west to Cardiff in the east and includes the communities of Stanhope, West Guilford, Haliburton, Wilberforce, Harcourt, Cardiff and Highland Grove. We support many different groups from food banks and Food 4 Kids to children's literacy; from individual welfare needs to arts and culture; from childhood cancer research to vision and hearing; from the environment to diabetes awareness and dog guides; and, the list goes on. Our activities fall into two categories: service and fundraising to support those services. The youth of our community are a high priority and much of our work goes to that end.

Putting this all together means we need your help to help others! We need funds!

Go to [haliburtonlions.com](http://haliburtonlions.com) and click on the Virtual Toll Bridge tab.

The Virtual Lions Toll Bridge starts now and goes to Monday, Sept. 7 at noon.

Last year our live Toll Bridge netted over \$6,000. With your help we will achieve our goal of \$7,000. Go to [haliburtonlions.com](http://haliburtonlions.com) and click on the Virtual Toll Bridge tab.

Submitted by Gail Stelter



### Largest fishing derby yet

The Kennis Lake Cottage Owners' Association hosted their annual Rock Bass Fishing Derby on July 11, 2020. It was their largest derby yet. A fun day was had by all. Congratulations to winners Wyatt and Caroline Beeson in the 12-and-under division catching a total of 21.4 pounds of rock bass and to Rachel Cornish and Mike Neely in the 13-and-over division catching a total of 24.4 pounds. A total of 159 pounds of rock bass were caught by everyone. /Submitted



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# Remaining high-risk septic systems concern deputy mayor

JENN WATT

Editor

High-risk septic systems in Highlands East have been troubling Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall, who said during the municipality's council meeting on July 14 that he wanted to see the number of them reduced much more quickly.

Reviewing numbers in a report compiled by septic inspector Arlene Quinn on systems inspected between 2017 and 2019, Ryall pointed out how many high-risk systems haven't yet been resolved.

"I've had a lot of correspondence with [lakefront property owners], especially the ones that are in the 2017-18 timelines and I'm looking at the report and I'm noticing that we still have a tremendous number of high-risk outstanding issues and we're getting into three years and we're going into the fourth year in some of them," Ryall said.

On Koshlong Lake, 221 septic systems were listed as either low, moderate or high risk. To date, 83 per cent of moderate-risk systems have been resolved, but only 39 per cent (seven out of 18) high-risk systems have been. Tamarack Lake

had four of 11 high-risk systems resolved. The information did not identify the dates of the lakes' inspections.

High-risk systems include those that don't comply with the code; have structures built on the septic bed; are home-made systems installed by the owner; or can't be located by the owner.

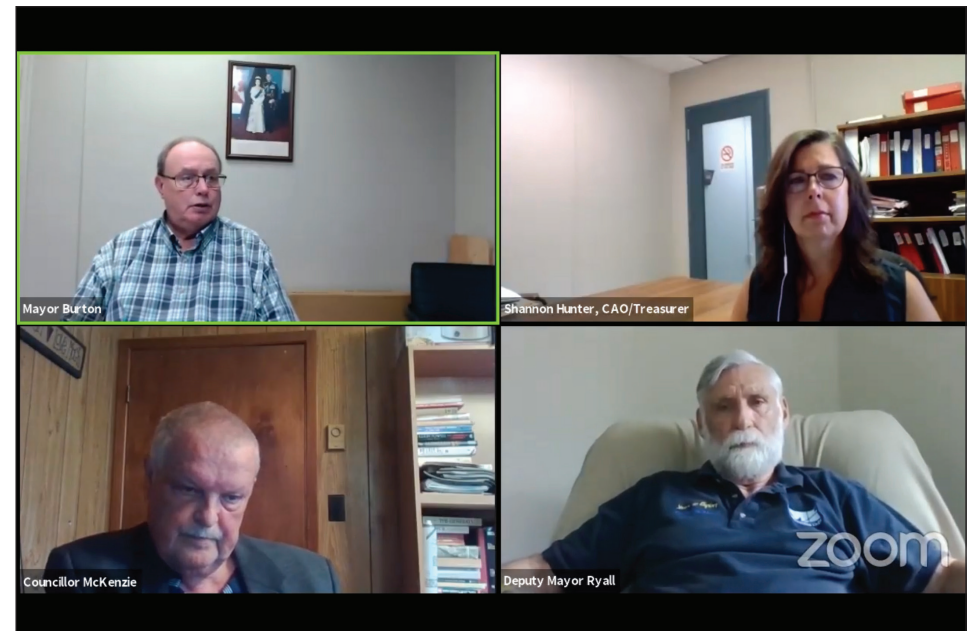
Ryall said he knew there was a desire to expand the septic inspection program to other lakes this summer, but wondered whether it would make more sense during the pandemic to focus on closing the cases on the high-risk ones.

"... the feedback I'm getting at this point from the [lakefront property owners] is we're being very slow," he said.

Shannon Hunter, chief administrative officer for Highlands East, said the municipality could do both, sending out questionnaires and letters to new lakes while also following up with those who aren't compliant.

"I know it's a priority in the building department," she said.

Ryall said he would like to see more statistics on the state of inspections and Hunter said she would follow up with that information.



Members of Highlands East council met via Zoom videoconferencing on July 14. Clockwise from top left, Mayor Dave Burton, CAO Shannon Hunter, Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall and Councillor Cam McKenzie. Other members joined via telephone. /Screenshot

## Gooderham transfer station may open to Snowdon residents in new year

JENN WATT

Editor

Minden Hills will close the Irondale landfill this fall, and Irondale residents may be able to take their waste to a Gooderham site in the new year, if Highlands East council continues to move forward with an agreement to allow those residents to use the Gooderham facility.

At their July 14 council meeting, Highlands East councillors were briefed on the idea by environmental supervisor Stewart Hurd, who said the agreement would apply to residents of the former Snowdon Township in the eastern corner of Minden Hills.

"The agreement would include accommodation for the deposit of [one 40-yard] bin for residential waste and the use of existing blue box, electronics and scrap metal bins at the site," Hurd's report reads. "It is estimated that approximately 23 (70 per cent of 33) additional daily users would visit the Gooderham Transfer Station. Additional landfill attendant duties would include greeting additional visitors, checking landfill passes, inspecting waste, provide instruction(s), remove contaminants from bins and complete log-book notes."

Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall asked whether

the additional usage would put pressure on Highlands East's landfill sites.

"Minden Hills will ... have a bin in place for the household garbage and they'll take that back to their landfill and then the rest of it is shipped out. That'll be something that we'll have to come to agreement as far as cost but as far as any additional depositing of household waste, that won't be taking place at our landfills," Hurd replied.

The new arrangement would require an amendment to the municipality's environmental compliance approval and would likely take effect in the new year, if all plans go ahead.

Council accepted Hurd's report for information purposes.

**"Minden Hills will ... have a bin in place for the household garbage and they'll take that back to their landfill and then the rest of it is shipped out."**

— Stewart Hurd

## Cause of early July fires unknown, Herlihey Park work to begin soon

JENN WATT

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Highlands East council July 14. Meetings are currently held via video conferencing and viewable on YouTube.

### Fires at landfills

The Highlands East fire department responded to two fires at landfills in early July, one at the Highway 28 landfill on July 3 and the other at the Bicroft landfill on July 4. The first fire was grass and old timber, the second was household garbage. Stewart Hurd, environmental supervisor, told council during their meeting on July 14 that the cause of the

fires is unknown. At the time, Haliburton County was under a fire ban and Hurd said attendants had been instructed not to burn brush.

### Herlihey Park update

A report from CAO Shannon Hunter indicates work may soon begin on Herlihey Park. In her CAO's report, she wrote that she and Mayor Dave Burton have been meeting with North Design Office Inc, the landscape architect, about the park, which is to be along Dark Lake in Wilberforce. Feedback on construction drawings has been gathered from the county's accessibility committee and was given to North Design Office, she said. "We are hopeful that work will commence soon," Hunter wrote.



### A day on the lake

Sea kayakers paddle close to shore of Pine Lake on Tuesday, July 14 in West Guilford. The warm temperatures are bringing people out for recreation /DARREN LUM Staff

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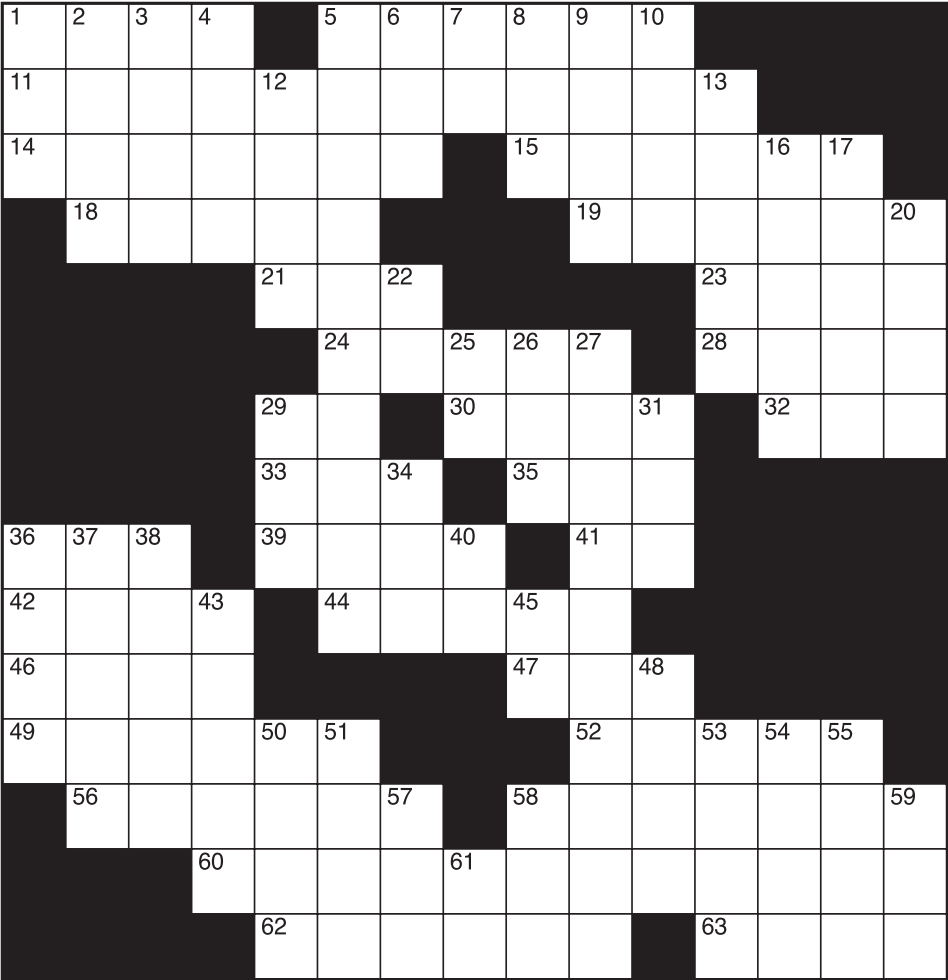


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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Popular musical awards show
- 5. Speech in one’s honor
- 11. A state of poor nutrition
- 14. Not ingested
- 15. More lacking in taste
- 18. “Popeye” cartoonist
- 19. Helps to reduce speed
- 21. January 1 greeting (abbr.)
- 23. Georgian currency
- 24. Proverb expressing a truth
- 28. Jewish calendar month
- 29. Volume measurement
- 30. Fair-skinned
- 32. Patti Hearst’s captors
- 33. Have already done
- 35. Touch lightly
- 36. Autonomic nervous system
- 39. Plant part
- 41. College degree
- 42. Military alliance
- 44. Tokyo’s former name
- 46. Carpenter’s tool
- 47. Before
- 49. Consent to receive
- 52. Passages
- 56. The Duke of Edinburgh
- 58. Utter repeatedly
- 60. Linked together in a chain
- 62. Quality that evokes pity
- 63. Maintained possession of

CLUES DOWN

- 1. U.S. military school
- 2. Controls
- 3. Away from wind

- 4. Grab quickly
- 5. Being everlasting
- 6. Vase
- 7. Atomic #3
- 8. Type of medication
- 9. Encircle with a belt
- 10. Belonging to you
- 12. American state
- 13. City in Zambia
- 16. Good Gosh!
- 17. Of the country
- 20. Helsinki district
- 22. 36 inches
- 25. Reporters’ group
- 26. The voice of Olaf
- 27. Explains in detail
- 29. Tooth caregiver
- 31. One point south of due east
- 34. Scottish river
- 36. Elsa’s sister
- 37. Civil Rights group
- 38. Line of poetry
- 40. Doctor
- 43. Fatty acid
- 45. Avatar (abbr.)
- 48. Awe-inspiring garden
- 50. Fall down
- 51. Rock icon Turner
- 53. Asian country (alt. sp.)
- 54. UK museum network
- 55. Stairs have at least one
- 57. Part of (abbr.)
- 58. Simpson trial judge
- 59. Sun up in New York
- 61. Exclamation of surprise

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# Council backs U.S. border closure

JENN WATT  
Editor

Highlands East has added its support to the Canadian government’s decision to extend the border closure with the U.S. and in a resolution passed on July 14, asked that the federal government wait until the spread of COVID-19 is brought under control in the U.S. before considering a reopening.

The resolution, which notes the efforts made by Canadians to slow the spread of the coronavirus, was brought to council following conversations by the emergency management committee and unanimously passed.

As of July 18, there were more than 3.7 million reported cases of COVID-19 in the United States and more than 140,000 deaths, according to the *New York Times*. The seven-day average of daily new cases was 66,022. Canada has had nearly 110,000 cases, more than 8,800 deaths and the seven-day average was 379 daily new cases.

The border was closed to non-essential traffic on March 21, an agreement which must be extended every 30 days. It most recently was extended to Aug. 21.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge voted in favour of the motion and clarified why


she came to her decision: “We really, really value our property owners in Highlands East whose permanent residence is in the United States and really regret that we are feeling that we have to request this, but I feel it’s very important for our community.”

The resolution will be forwarded to Ontario Premier Doug Ford as well as to federal and provincial members of parliament.

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— Councillor Suzanne Partridge



NOTICE OF

**ELECTRONIC PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE**

CONCERNING A GENERAL REVIEW OF  
COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al will hold an Electronic Open House with respect to a proposed amendment to the By-law 2005-120, which is the Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Municipality of Dysart et al.

The Electronic Open House will provide the public, and all interested parties with an opportunity to review the proposed Zoning By-law policies, mapping and illustrations and to ask questions and make comment on the proposed Zoning By-law to members of Council and staff. The Electronic Open House is scheduled for:

**DATE:**

**TIME:**

**LOCATION:**

Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Welcome and Overview: 1:00 p.m.

Electronic Open House: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Public Open House will take place in Electronic Format only

**Electronic Participation**

As the Province of Ontario declared a State of Emergency and continues to take significant steps to limit the transmission of the COVID-19 virus, the Municipality of Dysart et al continues to protect the health and safety of the public, Council, and staff, while at the same time proceeding with the Municipality’s Zoning By-law Review and engaging the community for their input.

The Electronic Public Open House will be held through Electronic Participation only, in accordance with Bill 187, the Municipal Emergency Act, and orders made under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. For more information about Zoning electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, please contact the Director of Planning and Land Information at [jiles@dysartetel.ca](mailto:jiles@dysartetel.ca).

Additional information and material related to the Zoning By-law Review, including a copy of the draft by-law and proposed mapping schedules, will be posted on the Municipality’s website at: <https://www.dysartetel.ca/15067/>. The website will continue to be updated as information becomes available.

For more information about the Zoning By-law Review process, you may also contact:

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## Day camp at a distance

Program instructor Irene Heaven interacts with a young participant of the Lil' Buds Discovery Program, practicing physical distancing using their discovery sticks as a coronavirus precaution on Friday, July 17 at Abbey Gardens, located down the road from West Guilford. This is the first program of the season for Abbey Gardens. Children ages five and six years old learned about the environment, using their senses to explore the outdoors. Email Irene Heaven at irene@abbeygardens.ca for more information. /DARREN LUM Staff



Lil' Buds Discovery Program participant William uses his sense of smell to evaluate what was left behind on the cotton ball, as part of the mystery smells exercise.



Participants in the Lil' Buds Discovery Program walk in a line during a hike, observing physical distancing while carrying their discovery sticks.

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#### Cottage/Lake Associations

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#### Accommodations

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#### Tammy Donaldson is the Councillor for Ward 3 in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Ward 3 is a great place to visit as it's the only Ward in Dysart et al that has public access to the famous Algonquin Park. Ward 3 has 3 great eating establishments with lots to do in between meals. Rent a canoe, SUP board, kayak or motor boat. Take a trip on the water up to High Falls in Algonquin Park or get there by horseback or the hiking trail. If you can't get everything done in one day, there are several places to stay overnight. Try your skills at finding some of the great geocaches hidden in our area as we are also part of the Geocaching Capital of Canada.

#### Businesses

Buckee's Place  
Deep Root Adventure  
Harcourt Park Marina  
Harcourt Self Storage  
Highland Hairdressing  
Highland Timbermart  
Northern Gardner  
South Algonquin Country Store

#### Restaurants

Algonquin Cookhouse  
AM/PM Outdoor Gourmet  
Soloway Hotdog Factory Outlet

#### Attractions

E109 Snowmobile Trail  
Harcourt Hall  
High Falls Hiking Trail  
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# Little-Pit Drive-In readies for the public

A trial run at the Little-Pit Drive-In at Abbey Gardens went smoothly on July 15 as attendees drove up to take in a viewing of *Hamilton*, projected on a screen attached to Haliburton Highlands Brewing.

Taking advantage of the many services on-site, the drive-in was powered by wind and solar and included an outside dining experience that offered fresh popcorn and wood-fired pizza.

The drive-in offers a safe way to enjoy a community gathering during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Demand is high, so organizers advise anyone interested in attending a film to go online to book tickets at [abbeygardens.ca/littlepitdrivein](http://abbeygardens.ca/littlepitdrivein).

The drive-in will operate on Wednesday evenings during the summer.

- Jenn Watt, Staff

Little-Pit Drive-In uses the broad side of Haliburton Highlands Brewing to project movies. Power is generated by wind and solar – aligning with Abbey Gardens' sustainability mandate. /JENN WATT Staff



Anabelle Craig helps out with the popcorn stand, scooping snacks. A group assembled to watch *Hamilton* and to test out the new attraction. Movies will be playing each Wednesday at Abbey Gardens. Demand is high, so organizers are asking those interested in attending to book online at [abbeygardens.ca/littlepitdrivein](http://abbeygardens.ca/littlepitdrivein).



The parking lot transforms into a drive-in outside Haliburton Highlands Brewing at Abbey Gardens in West Guilford on July 15. Attendees were taking part in a trial run of the drive-in, which opens to the public each Wednesday starting July 22. Double feature listings announced so far include a night of Bond films and an evening of horror/fantasy films.



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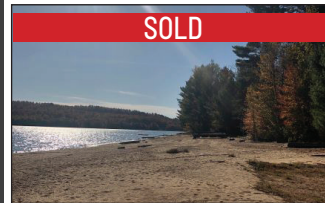




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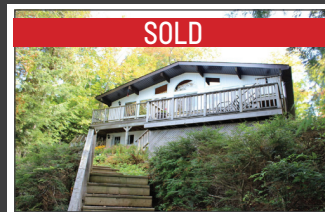
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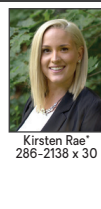
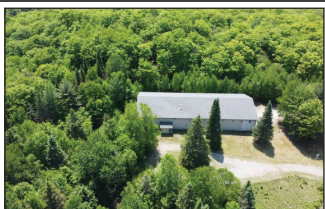
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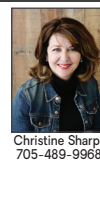
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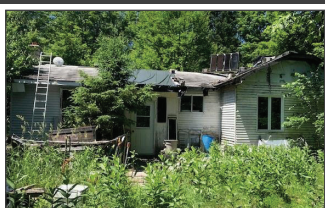
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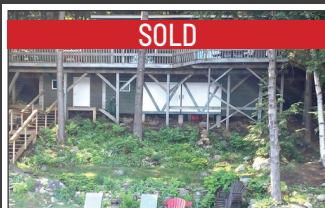
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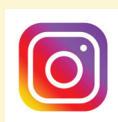
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## Website focused on community-based jobs

Fleming College has launched a new website for job seekers and employers in the region.

The Fleming College Muskoka-Kawartha Service System Manager officially launched [flemingemploymenthub.ca](http://flemingemploymenthub.ca) on July 1, 2020 as part of its new mandate to act as the manager of employment services in the region beginning Jan. 1, 2021.

The website offers access to local employment and community resources. It also links to Fleming's partner site, Magnet, a powerful platform that matches job seekers with employers. Users can register for free.

Covering the District of Muskoka, City of Kawartha Lakes, and Peterborough, Northumberland, and Haliburton counties, the SSM is part of a prototype program introduced by the Government of Ontario earlier this year.

With a focus on community-based employment programs, the SSM aims to connect job seekers more efficiently with employers. This includes those with high barriers to employment such as persons with disabilities, those receiving social assistance, Indigenous peoples, new Canadians, Francophones, and those with

unique needs.

The SSM is liaising with employment service providers and social services to work toward the upcoming transition. Currently, there are over a dozen service providers in the region who deliver free, localized employment solutions for clients.

"Fleming College's intention is to continue to provide locally responsive programs and services via the service provider network," said Maureen Adamson, president of Fleming College. "Solutions will be delivered in the community, by members of the community who know best how to serve job seekers and employers in their area. We are part of this community and will apply our own insight and local knowledge to help improve service delivery and the client experience."

Through its two current employment services locations, Fleming college has served more than 23,000 job seekers since 2010, achieving extensive community and employer engagement within the catchment areas. The College contributes \$500 million annually to the communities it serves, supporting economic and social innovation in the region.

*Submitted by Fleming College*

## Green Burial Society receives HCDC funding

The Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society has received a grant of nearly \$5,000 from the Haliburton County Development Corporation through its 2020 Local Initiatives Program, which the society will use to upgrade its website to provide a complete array of end-of-life planning supports for individuals and families.

"Whether you're looking for information about the legal rules surrounding death and dying, to help with do-it-yourself funerals, to the location of green burial cemeteries, the HHGBS website will be a one-stop resource destination for links to everything you need to know," Terry Moore, president of the green burial society, said in a press release.

"We'll be strongly encouraging website visitors to consider choosing a 'green burial' over more conventional high-carbon forms of disposition such as cremation and burial practices that come with a large environmental footprint," Moore said. "The HHGBS will also be providing

a lot of information that anyone looking for end-of-life information, green or otherwise, will find useful."

Green burials aim to remove barriers preventing the body from being absorbed as quickly as possible into the soil through the use of simple biodegradable wooden caskets or cloth shrouds, the elimination of embalming chemicals and concrete burial vaults.

The Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society was established in November of 2019 and is currently focused on encouraging the four townships in Haliburton County to create year-round green burial sections within their already established cemeteries.

Information on becoming a member or making a donation to the society can be found on the current website at [haliburtongreenburial.ca](http://haliburtongreenburial.ca), and on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HaliburtonGreenBurialSociety>.

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For further information or to request an invitation, please contact:

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## Minden/Haliburton Hearing Service

is proud to announce the appointment of **Lindsay** as our new Operational Manager at our Haliburton location!



*Lindsay started working for Gord & Kathryn at Minden/Haliburton Hearing Service in May 2018.*

"It was a bit of a move for me coming here from Beaverton and having grown up in Keswick. It was a new and exciting field of work to start learning. I knew little about hearing loss when I began, but quickly learned from Gord how common it is and how it affects people and their day to day living. Hearing loss became very fascinating for me to see how a person's quality of life can improve drastically just from learning and making sense of their hearing loss and the proper use of hearing aids. You take for granted hearing the birds sing and little things like your indicator light ticking in your

vehicle, small daily things, that us without a hearing loss pay little attention to, and for some it makes a huge impact, which is lovely to hear stories about. It has been a wonderful field of work to grow my knowledge in and I really enjoy the modern technology that is being incorporated into current hearing devices, as there is always something new and fascinating to learn and help our patients understand as well (as Gord likes to say I am his new "techy" person). Moving to Minden has been a wonderful life change for me, I love the beautiful small towns of Minden & Haliburton and the close community feeling you have living and working here. Starting to become a familiar face among our community is something I look forward to continuing doing."

**Lindsay**

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*In Loving Memory of*  
**Keith Osmond Oitment**  
*September 17, 1949 - July 10, 2020*

*The family announces with sorrow the sudden passing of Keith Oitment at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on July 10, 2020.*

Son of the late Archie & Dora Oitment, and brother of Joan Kay. Most cherished husband and partner of Sheila Woodcroft of 21 years. Loving father of Jennifer (Jake), Geoff (Julianna), Greg and Carrie (Jamie). He will be greatly missed by his grandchildren, Bethany, Ainsley, Isaac, Gabriella and Lucas. Keith will be remembered by mother in-law Patricia and her husband the late Jack Woodcroft, by his brothers in-law Geoff and David and by his sister in-law Elizabeth. Keith was a very loyal member of the Masonic Lodge. He loved his Bluegrass music and you could always find him ready to play a tune.

In keeping with Keith's wishes, cremation has taken place. An Interment will be held at St. George the Martyr Cemetery, in Apsley alongside his parents at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the St. George the Martyr Church, Apsley would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

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**Mowat, Lois M (Wilbur)**  
*May 1, 1932 - July 18, 2020*

Died peacefully at Pinehaven Nursing Home in Waterloo attended by loved ones. Lois is predeceased by her husband Oliver Mowat, grandson Joshua Henwood, sister Vera Mason (Fred), brothers Gordon and Lewis (Geraldine). She is survived by her brother Gerald Wilbur (Joyce), and will be deeply missed by daughter Cathy Henwood (Jim), son Gord Mowat (Sue), and grandchildren Tara, Shane, Scott, Alison, Jennifer, and Nathan, and her nieces and nephews.

Lois was a sassy, funny, loving woman, known for her deep love of fashion, shopping, manicures, nature, and animals, and an avid fan of the Blue Jays and Maple Leafs. She adored the colour purple, and was known for the purple streaks in her hair, and was usually dressed head to toe in fuchsia or purple outfits, refusing to wear "old lady" clothes. She always enjoyed celebrity gossip and discussions about sports and politics over a cup of tea, or Baileys on the rocks.

Cremation to follow. As per her wishes there will be a private memorial service at a later date. If desired, donations would be welcome for the Alzheimer Society of Canada or the Nature Conservancy of Canada.



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**Lewis "Lou" Constantino**  
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Extendicare-Haliburton on Thursday evening, July 16, 2020 in his 93rd year. Beloved husband of the late Norma Jean Constantino (nee Anderson). Loving father of Lew "Casey" and his wife Cathy of Minden. Fondly remembered by his granddaughter Crystal (Craig) and by his great grandchildren Casey and Carly. Predeceased by his brothers Dominic, Joe, Gus, Norm, Vic, Benny and by his sisters Josie, Carmella, Helen and Teresa. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Lou was a professional musician and a car salesman for many years. He enjoyed music, hockey, baseball, golf and most of all his family.

#### Private Visitation & Funeral Service

A private visitation and Funeral Service will take place. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Proud Pioneers - Extendicare would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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**Barbara Dolores Cize**  
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Passed away peacefully at age 97 on July 5, 2020, a week after transferring to hospital for palliative care.

Beloved wife of the late Kristaps. Loving mother of John Evalds (1953-1963), Diana (Frank), and Roze. Missed by her family in England, sister Fay (the late Bob), their children Sally, Penny, and Nicholas (Diane), and their children Clare, James, and Jacob.

Mum was born in CREDITON, Devon England. Sailed aboard the "Empress of Scotland" with her parents to spend her early childhood in the Kew Beach area of Toronto before returning to England with Canadian born, little sister Fay.

Her careers included the WAF (Women's Airforce), office work at Raleigh Bicycle Co., and typist for Barclays Bank. She met Kristaps, displaced from Latvia, through the International Friendship Club. They married and emigrated back to Canada to settle in her families original Beach area home.

Son John Evalds was born tragically, damaged by forceps. The birth caused physical and mental trauma to Mum. She endured unimaginable treatment. Once home, she and Dad loved and cared for their beloved son Johnny. Six years later they were advised that he would not live to adulthood. They added daughters Daina and Roze to their family. Sadly, Johnny passed one day before his 10th birthday.

Mum's long life has been deeply impacted by the heartbreaking loss of her son. However, the last twenty plus years in Haliburton have brought her joy and contentment. The natural beauty, nurturing community, and kindness of neighbours brought her peace. She was able to find her inner creativity and express it through poetry, photography, and drawing. Through these mediums she was able to unlock and communicate her thoughts in a way she could not person to person. Her loving personality was set free in her later years.

A portion from one of her poems I recently found.  
"A kiss for the baby that I love so, stay out by the door for the sunset glow."

Thank you to those who showed compassion and kindness to mum.

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**Judith Ann Cole (Nee Heming)**  
(1942 - 2020)

Passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 11, 2020, in Haliburton. Beloved wife of 52 years and cherished life partner of Bob, mother of Greg (Catherine) and the late Tanya Ann, proud grandmother of Madeline, Julia, William, Hillary and Jonathan, daughter of the late Paul T.W. and Mary Margaret Heming of Hamilton, sister of Rob (Grace) and Steve (Tammy), predeceased by brothers Richard (Barbara) and David (Carol), loving aunt and grand aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Judy had a remarkable zest for life and loved a challenge, recently taking up playing the oboe and still water skiing in her seventies. A talented musician with perfect pitch, Judy had the ability to play virtually any instrument placed in her hands. She shared this musical gift with those who knew her and will be fondly remembered for the joy she brought to others through it. Judy was deeply dedicated to her musical communities in Hamilton and Haliburton as a church organist, leader of the swing band, and a choir, orchestra and concert band member. She was also an active member of her curling, bridge, cuisine and book clubs, and the Friendship Force, through which she and Bob travelled the world and reciprocally hosted many international friends.

Judy earned her Bachelor of Arts (music) and Masters in Education, and had a long and rewarding career as a music teacher in Hamilton. She will be fondly remembered for her devotion to her students and passion for their musical development.

Judy loved her home with Bob overlooking picturesque Redstone Lake in Haliburton, where she found delight in entertaining family and friends, nature, gardening and sewing magnificent quilts.

A memorial service with immediate family members is planned. A celebration of life with extended family and friends will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, those who so wish may make memorial donations to: Abbey Retreat Centre at [www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-abbey-retreat-centre/](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-abbey-retreat-centre/) or the Haliburton Highlands Palliative Care Centre at <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E348416QE&id=4> would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2006

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## Stores get ready to ring in 6% GST

GREG HOEKSTRA  
Staff Reporter

On July 1, Canadian shoppers will have a little extra change in their pockets, as the federal goods and services tax (GST) is set to be lowered by one per cent.

But, although many consumers may be pleased with the reduction, some small business owners are far from happy with the upcoming changes, which will initially end up costing them money.

Linda Caterazzi, owner of the Kash Landing Café in Ingoldsby, says the GST reduction is nothing but a burden for small businesses such as hers, which haven't adopted computerized systems. Because her restaurant still uses a traditional cash register, Caterazzi had to hire a company out of Lindsay to reprogram the machine, at a charge of \$90.

The Canada Revenue Agency has made it clear that business owners will not be reimbursed for any additional costs they incur while changing their registers, and that has led some entrepreneurs like Caterazzi to feel disillusioned.

"It's small people like me that always have to pay, just because we don't have the latest technology," she says. "We try to keep our place as simple

See **Larger** page 4



CASEY LESSARD/Echo

### Batter's up

It's a swing... and a miss for Desmond Davies, 3, as he plays t-ball in Wilberforce. The league runs Thursday nights until the middle of August, and children can still sign up for t-ball, junior and senior baseball. More photos are on page 34.

## Broadband initiative to bring the county up to speed

JENNIFER WILSON  
Staff Reporter

Imagine a Haliburton High where students could walk into class, turn on a computer and within minutes, be able to see, chat and interact with their peers in Huntsville.

Or a hospital where cumbersome X-rays and CT scans are no longer mailed from location to location. Instead, with a click of a mouse, they're safely in an e-mail inbox thousands of kilometres away with only seconds

spared.

These hi-tech fantasies may soon become a reality for the Highlands thanks to Haliburton Connect. The local group recognized that Haliburton was in the dinosaur ages of technology, and knew they had to do something about it. With the assistance of hi-tech company W3 Connex, the committee made a plan to build and sustain a fibre-optic broadband network that would deliver the fastest and most capable Internet speed to the its members. These

include the county's four municipalities, school board, health services, Sir Sandford Fleming College, U-Links and a few small businesses.

"We are at least 30 years behind the technology," says Haliburton Connect president Dave Taylor. "We knew we had to take action and do something about this if we're going to remain an area that's popular to businesses, tourists and locals."

The network, which is made out of glass and uses light

See **Broadband** page 36

## Bear 1 Man 1

Wilfred Doyle and a black bear fight over a ruffed grouse

MARTHA PERKINS  
Editor

The way Wilfred Doyle sees it, a bear may have stolen his shoe but at least he stole the ruffed grouse from the bear.

The Carnarvon resident works for Barker Heating and Cooling. Early Friday afternoon he was driving to a work site when he came across a ruffed grouse walking across Kennisis Lake Road. He tried to avoid it but the bird ended up going under his truck.

Looking in his rearview mirror, Doyle could see that the grouse was still alive so he pulled over and went to see if there was something he could do to help the poor bird.

He was bending over the bird when, suddenly, he was knocked down from behind and fell into the ditch.

He turned around only to see that his opponent was a young bear who wanted the ruffed grouse for lunch.

"I screamed," Doyle says, "and then I started kicking at him."

In the melée, the bear grabbed one of Doyle's leather loafers and took it with him into the woods.

"He took my shoe right off my foot," Doyle says, his voice still full of disbelief. "So much

See **Bear** page 12



Doyle took this picture of the young bear as it scampered back into the woods.

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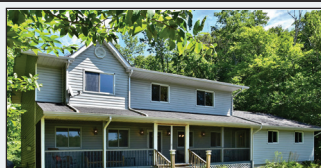


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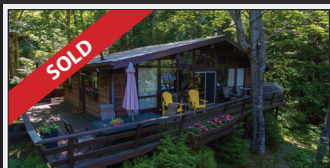
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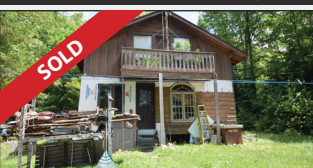
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